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won't address details of  
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## Editor begins citizen patrol

By David Schrag  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Though the Bowling Green Police Division doesn't have the likes of gun-obsessed Eugene Tackleberry, womanizing Lt. Mahoney or clueless Cmdr. Lassard from the Police Academy movies, learning what it takes to be a Bowling Green Police officer promises to be the experience of a lifetime.

I am about to embark on a 10-week journey—along with about 20 others ranging from local business owners to Forensic Science majors—in the Citizens' Police Academy hosted by the Bowling Green Police Division.

This year marks the 13th academy program being offered by the Police Division.

During the program, I will learn the inner workings of the Police Division such as how investigations are conducted and we will actually learn to shoot a .40 caliber pistol and a shotgun.

As a participant, I will also have the honor of witnessing an intoxicated officer undergo the dreaded DUI examination.

A lot of students have a negative view of law enforcement because of run ins either they have had or have heard about.

It was with this knowledge that the Police Division has continued to offer

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## Hip-Hop workshops focus on sexes, art

By Latoya Hunter  
REPORTER

Define it. Redefine it. Live it. Understand and respect it. Hip-hop culture has leapt from the streets of the South Bronx, around the world and now into Olscamp Hall. Sponsored by the Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives, the fifth annual Black Issues Conference focused on the subject of Hip-Hop culture and its influence on society.

Called "Definition: Hip-Hop" and featuring renowned speaker and scholar Michael Eric Dyson, Saturday's conference was an opportunity for the Multicultural Center to bring important issues within the Black community to the forefront of the University. "I think this conference is great. It's something that we really should have," said student Isaiah Lawson.

After a brief welcome session, attendees had the chance to attend various workshops that focused on differing Hip-Hop issues.

The most controversial of these was devoted to the portrayal of women within the industry and how they may enhance Black stereotypes.

Being a large source of debate both within the Hip-Hop community and along lines of gender,

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## 2 new shootings reported



Terry Gilliam AP Photo

**SHOOTINGS:** Bill Davis has a coffee at a gas station in Mt. Sterling, Ohio, Friday. Davis lives near the sight of the highway shooting that pierced the windshield of a van Tuesday on Interstate 71 near Columbus.

By Anita Chang  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio—A van and a Mercedes were shot minutes apart on an interstate yesterday in a region where a series of 21 sniper shootings have occurred, investigators said.

The gunfire seems consistent with the sniper shootings along Interstate 270 south of Columbus, based on initial evidence, Franklin County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Steve Martin. He stopped short of linking the two shootings to the serial gunfire.

No injuries were reported in yesterday's shootings, which happened about 11:30 a.m. on Interstate 71 near Jeffersonville, about 40 miles southwest of Columbus, said Jerri Redfern, a dispatcher with the State Highway Patrol.

One person has died in the serial shootings, which have targeted vehicles, schools and homes since May.

Authorities were looking for a dark sports car that may have been connected to the gunfire.

Martin said the shots were fired from two overpasses about one mile apart. Witnesses

said they saw a white man in his 30s or 40s and a small, dark-colored vehicle on the overpasses. Authorities have said some shots in the previous cases came from overpasses.

Authorities had taken two juveniles with a pellet gun into custody after yesterday's shootings, but ultimately determined they were not connected to the crimes, State Highway Patrol Lt. Rick Fambro said. The youths were in a car matching the witnesses' description, he added.

"Basically it's a case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time," he said. Authorities questioned the juveniles and were releasing them, Fambro said.

One lane of I-71 was closed, backing up traffic for several miles, as police searched the area of yesterday's shootings. Officers were seen examining a van parked at a gas station off I-71 and a car parked on the highway shoulder about two miles away.

Cars, school buses and homes have been fired at on or near a stretch of I-270. A passenger in a car was killed in November.

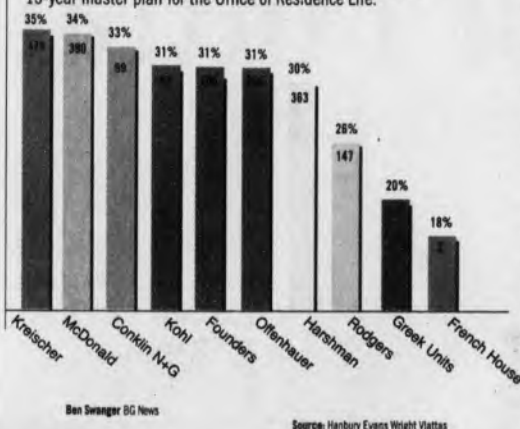
On Tuesday, a bullet struck the windshield of a van on I-71, which intersects I-270, authorities reported Friday.

## 3,437 students respond to housing survey

### Campus wants community

#### SURVEY PARTICIPATION ON CAMPUS

This chart shows the breakdown of the number of students in each on-campus housing unit that participated in the online survey conducted in November. The survey was created by associates from Hanbury Evans Wright Viattas, who are developing a 15-year master plan for the Office of Residence Life.



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Source: Hanbury Evans Wright Viattas

By Kara Hull  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The associates of Hanbury Evans Wright Viattas have conducted a lot of surveys and student meetings in their 15 years specializing in designing student housing on university campuses nationwide.

But responses from students about the future of on-campus living here, revealed a striking difference—the University has a "community feeling" that students want to keep.

"It seems like there was a stronger emphasis on how important it was to connect with other people," said Amy Aponte, a campus researcher with the firm. "There was a really strong value about connecting with others and having a community they could identify with."

The architectural and consulting firm's online survey in November received 3,437 total

responses with 1,253 from off-campus students. Associates with the firm were on campus late last week sharing the results of the survey with University administrators. The firm, was hired earlier this year to propose recommendations for a 15-year Residence Life Master Plan for on-campus housing facilities.

With the University's national reputation for the success of its learning communities, Aponte said, this signature trait will only be enhanced with any future renovations or construction—similar to the recent improvements to Kohl Hall.

"When you can couple improving the facility with improving the program, it provides a much richer community," she said. "Even students who were not living in Kohl certainly thought that the renovations and the learning community in that

building was just a really awesome experience."

According to Linda Newman, executive director of Residence Life, any future improvements to the on-campus living facilities would need to consider the impact on the University's close-knit atmosphere and learning communities in the residence halls.

"Whatever we do in possible renovations or possible construction, we would want to think about how those facilities would look in the future and how they

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#### BEST FEATURES OF LIVING ON CAMPUS

Listed below are the top seven reasons survey respondents cited as the best features of living on campus.

Easy to get to class	63%
Internet Access	59%
Easy to meet people / make friends	51%
Convenience	48%
Computer labs in buildings	37%
Good Location	37%
Meal Plan	33%

Hanbury Evans Wright Viattas

Ashley Reilly BG News

## Last minute shot not to be forgotten

By Joel Hammond  
SPORTS REPORTER

Lindsay Austin played a game to forget Saturday in a key Mid-American Conference showdown with Western Division-leading Western Michigan.

That is, until she made a shot she'll remember for the rest of her life.

Austin made an off-balance jumper in the lane as time expired, lifting her team to a 69-67 lead and for now, placing the Falcons right back in the thick of the West Division race. Western, which entered the game ranked 57th in the RPI rankings, fell to 8-2 in the conference, while with wins, Ball State and Eastern Michigan remain in a tie for second at 7-3. BG is third at 6-3, while Toledo's loss to Miami yesterday dropped them to fourth at 6-4.

Austin, senior, was plagued by foul trouble all afternoon and missed two free throws with under a minute left that would have given her team a 69-66 lead. WMU's Maria Jilian was fouled, but made only one of two to

set up Austin's dramatics. She got started on the right wing, passed to fellow senior Stefanie Wenzel, who had no look at the basket. Then, with just eight seconds left, Austin started left, got into the lane and put up a shot that bounced off the rim twice and the backboard before falling as the horn sounded.

"After you miss the foul shots, it bothers you," Austin said. "I knew that it was coming down to the wire, and when I came off that pick, I knew it was pretty much up to me to take a shot and I took it without being nervous. Those free throws shook me up a little bit ... The ball bounced like three or four times; it felt good when it left my hand."

BG coach Curt Miller said he was pleased that his team was successful against a different look from the Broncos.

"They went man-to-man for the

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**FIGHTING FALCON:** Freshman Ali Mann fights for the ball on Saturday at Anderson Arena. Mann had a double-double with 18 points and a game-high 12 rebounds.

#### FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

#### TUESDAY



Snow  
Showers High: 33°  
Low: 18°

#### WEDNESDAY



Partly  
Cloudy High: 28°  
Low: 12°

#### THURSDAY



Partly  
Cloudy High: 25°  
Low: 14°

#### FRIDAY



Partly  
Cloudy High: 30°  
Low: 19°

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## Academy attracts people from campus, business, BG News

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this program so residents can experience what law enforcement

officials really see and do on a daily basis.

Throughout this experience I hope to find out more about the division and how they handle

things.

Sign me up Cmdr. Lassard, I am ready to be a part of the Citizens' Police Academy.

## BG NEWS BRIEFING

**Coroner: Kent State student died of accidental prescription drug overdose**

KENT, Ohio (AP) — An accidental overdose of prescription painkillers caused the death of a Kent State student whose body was discovered in her dorm room, the Portage County coroner has ruled.

Coroner Roger G. Marcial said high amounts of the pain

killer hydrocodone were detected in the body of 29-year-old Julie Hogan, whose body was found Dec. 2.

Hogan was seriously burned in a 1999 house fire and was taking four medications, Marcial said.

He said this can happen when a person has chronic pain.

"They just forget that they've

taken one already, and then they take another one. Then they get doopey and take more and more, unfortunately," Marcial said.

A coroner's office investigator said she may have been dead for up to 10 days before her body was discovered.

Hogan, a senior majoring in education, lived in a residence hall of 120 people.

## Falcons and free throws and zones — OH MY!

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first time the whole game on that play," Miller said. "Thirty-nine straight minutes of zone, and I said, 'Are we going to be better than them one time against their man-to-man, or are they going to stop us?'"

"We ran a common play — the first two players to get touches are our seniors, and you ask them to make a play. That's players making plays. Lindsay had the guts to take that after missing a couple big foul shots."

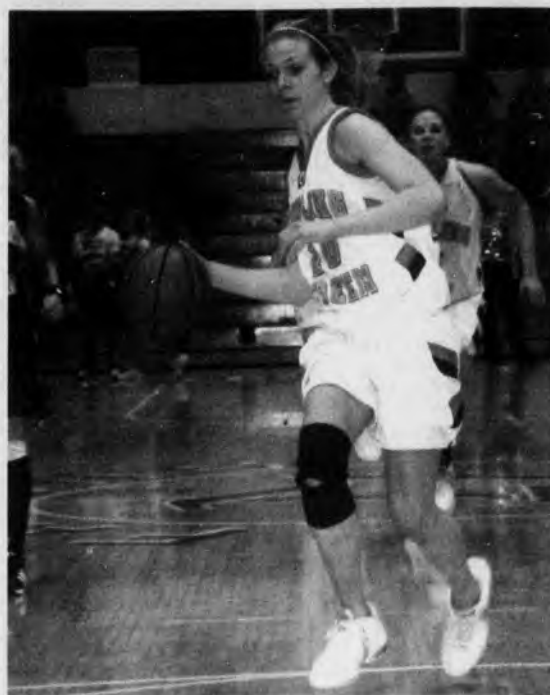
Austin picked up her second foul with 5:42 left in the first half, and after she exited, BG turned the ball over five times. In the second half, Austin struggled herself after returning, committing three turnovers before picking up her fourth foul with 12:19 left.

Miller, though, inserted Casey McDowell, normally a wing player, into the game in Austin's extended absence, and BG committed just two turnovers in those final 12 minutes. McDowell played a key 12 minutes and committed just one turnover.

"Casey hasn't played point guard all year, but because they were playing zone, she gave us an extra shooter on the floor," Miller said. "We stole some minutes with Lindsay in foul trouble with Casey playing point. That is a big story line behind that game. Casey did a great job in those minutes."

"I thought we were better in the second half, but it was an entertaining halftime," Miller said. "You have to score points in the paint against Western's zone. We did a better job of attacking them in the second half, of attacking their zone."

The Falcons' good handle on the ball enabled them to hang around for much of a tightly-contested second half, one which featured 11 ties and nine lead changes. After gaining their first lead of the second half on two Megan Thorburn free throws with 17 minutes left, BG held a



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**DRIVING:** Senior Stefanie Wenzel runs the ball down court. Wenzel led all Falcon players with 23 points Saturday in Anderson Arena. The Falcons improve to 13-7 overall and 6-3 in the MAC.

small advantage for much of the half. The Falcons opened their biggest lead of the second half — 60-56 — with 5:40 remaining after a 3-point play by Liz Honegger and a free throw from Stefanie Wenzel.

BG lost WMU star Casey Rost on the ensuing possession, though, and Rost drained a trey, which was followed by a Jilian layup that gave the Broncos the lead once again. Wenzel hit a three, but WMU freshman Carrie Moore hit two free throws to tie the game with 3:55 left. Each team turned the ball over, and WMU's Kelly Koerber hit a jumper with 2:12 left for a 65-63 WMU lead. Wenzel, though, scored to tie the game, and when Rost, who entered the game

shooting 85 percent from the line, missed one of two, BG had its chance. Ali Mann came up big once again, hitting two free throws for a 67-66 lead, but BG's Tene Lewis, going for a steal with under 30 seconds left, fouled Jilian. Her miss on the second free throw set the stage for Austin.

Wenzel led all scorers with 23 points and also grabbed nine boards, while Mann recorded her fifth double-double of the year with 18 points and 12 rebounds. Honegger scored 13 for BG. Rost was averaging 22.9 in conference play, but managed a very quiet 13. The Broncos were led by Jilian, who scored 20, while Moore had 15 and Koerber 11.

## Awards ceremony part of hip-hop talks

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workshop members were given the chance to express their views about the controversy. The comment of Ashley Gray voiced the feelings of many women in the room, saying, "Respect yourself and be a woman for you. You have to demand their [men's] respect."

A second set of simultaneous workshops went even further into gender issues by allowing men and women to separate and work within their own groups. Raising questions on the meaning of a "real man" and the empowerment of black women, each group was allowed to speak openly and receive feedback without being inhibited.

According to Dr. Angelo Brown, these workshops were vital, saying, "you have to make yourself available to real men. To hang out with, to talk with, to

see where we go and the things that we do."

While Saturday's conference focused on improving and dealing with issues facing African-Americans today, it was also a forum for an awards presentation. Derserving students received the Martin Luther King Scholarship as well as the newly renamed Jack Taylor Minority Book Scholarship.

The conference's keynote speaker Dr. Dyson brought a different perspective to audience members as he spoke not only on the history and influence of Hip-Hop, but the burden that it bears. "Hip-Hop at its best is a way for young people to articulate their hopelessness; their helplessness," Dyson said.

He also explained to the audience why Hip-Hop faces so much debate saying, "Hip-Hop is held to a higher standard, unfortunately. People present it as doing something different; a

new art form. At the end of the day, it is music. Not to say it doesn't influence, but it is not the first."

Dyson conversed with the audience both as a scholar and as a friend, allowing people to laugh not only at themselves, but also to define Hip-Hop as an expression of a people. However, like any art form, Dyson explained that it could sometimes be silly, confusing to some or cause controversy.

While Hip-Hop and its resulting culture constantly bear criticism, this conference allowed the University to see and hopefully understand the potential that it holds. Workshop panelist Ramona Coleman put it best by saying, "Hip-Hop is a vehicle that you can use to educate. It can be empowering. We must ask ourselves how we can use it to pave the way for black progress and culture."

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## CAMPUS

## Kidnapped woman robbed, suffocated

By Deanna Boyd  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

FORT WORTH, Texas - A man accused of killing a retired Texas Christian University professor told police that he and his girlfriend abducted the woman from a Fort Worth grocery store parking lot, then wrapped her face in duct tape so that she could not breathe, according to arrest warrant affidavits.

Edward Busby told detectives that he and Kathleen Latimer later drove to Ardmore, Okla., and spent the night in a motel. He said that when he checked on Laura Lee Crane the next morning, she was dead, the affidavits state.

They also state that Busby initially blamed the slaying on a man who he said gave him Crane's car in exchange for dumping her body in Oklahoma.

But after leading authorities to the body at the bottom of a highway embankment near Davis, Okla., Busby admitted that he and Latimer were responsible for the abduction and death, the affidavits state.

Police confirmed Wednesday that the body found in Oklahoma was that of Crane and that an autopsy showed that

she died of asphyxiation.

Busby said he drove Crane away from the parking lot and later put duct tape around her head so that she couldn't breathe, according to the capital-murder warrants obtained Tuesday for the arrests of Busby, 31, and Latimer, 39.

Lt. Roger Dixon, supervisor of the major-crimes division for the Fort Worth police, said the Oklahoma state medical examiner's autopsy also showed that Crane suffered blunt-force trauma to the head.

Busby and Latimer remained in the Oklahoma City jail on Wednesday. It was not known whether the case will be prosecuted in Texas or Oklahoma, Dixon said at an afternoon news conference.

The motive appears to be robbery, he said.

According to both suspects' arrest-warrant affidavits, Crane's credit cards were used nine times in the course of about two hours shortly after she was abducted, about noon Friday outside the Tom Thumb grocery store on South Hulen Street.

Relatives told police that three of Crane's cards were used for cash withdrawals totaling \$605.90, the affidavits state.

At the news conference, Allen Walker, Crane's daughter, thanked law-enforcement agencies "who worked tirelessly over the last very difficult days to bring our mother home."

"We will now put our faith in the judicial system to see that the perpetrators of this horrendous crime

are brought to justice."

Crane, a wife and mother of three, was well-known among North Texas educators for her work with special-needs students, particularly at Texas Christian University's Starpoint School, where she had worked from the time it opened, in 1966, until she retired, in 1990. She became principal in 1969.

Police said they do not know why Crane was targeted.

"This was a heinous crime, but we want to underscore the fact that the area in which it occurred is a safe area and to our knowledge this crime was random," said Lt. Abdul Pridgen, Fort Worth police spokesman.

According to the arrest-warrant affidavits for Busby and Latimer, an FBI agent interviewed Busby on Sunday afternoon, hours after the couple, in Crane's 1999 Nissan Sentra, was stopped by an Oklahoma City police officer for a traffic violation.

Busby told the FBI agent that he had bought the car from another man for \$200, the affidavits state. He said that he and Latimer checked the car's trunk before leaving for Oklahoma City and

that it did not contain a body, according to the affidavits.

But in subsequent interviews with Fort Worth homicide detectives Cheryl Johnson and Mike Carroll on Monday and Tuesday, Busby changed his story, telling investigators that the other man took the car and killed Crane, the affidavits state.

Busby told police that the man offered to sell him the car for \$1,300. When he said he did not have that much money, the man said he would give him the car if Busby dumped a woman's body that was in the trunk, the affidavits state.

But after leading the detectives to where he had dumped Crane's body, Busby confessed that he and his girlfriend had kidnapped Crane, the affidavits state.

According to the affidavits, a witness identified Busby and Latimer in photo lineups as the couple he had seen in the Tom Thumb parking lot on the day Crane was abducted.

## Students want cost-effective, no 'Taj Mahal' housing at U.

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would be complimentary to additional or relocated communities," she said.

According to Michael Kuchta, an associate with the firm, the survey revealed similar trends at the University in comparison with other institutions—including a desire for apartments on campus.

But to build such a facility on

campus might not be financially feasible for students, Kuchta said.

"It's a real challenge to do that in a way that's cost effective," he said. "We certainly had a sense that there are a lot of students who are very cost conscious and we want to make sure that we're not recommending some Taj Mahal facility that students are then not going to be able to afford to live in."

Though recommendations for

steps the University should take are on their way, changes need to be made if Bowling Green wants to stay competitive in student recruitment, Kuchta said. The firm aided Kent State University in developing a master housing plan several years ago.

"Bowling Green can't stand still because all of the other schools that students may be looking at are also either building new housing, renovating housing or

planning to do those things," he said. "It's important from a competitive standpoint to make sure that we're doing the right things at Bowling Green."

*Editor's Note: Students will be invited to participate in a series of meetings with representatives from the firm in March to offer feedback on housing recommendations. Watch the BG News for an official date and location.*

## WORST FEATURES OF ON-CAMPUS LIVING

Listed below are the top seven reasons survey respondents cited as the worst features of living on campus.

Room Size	55%
Parking	53%
Community Bathrooms	46%
Lack of Air Conditioning	43%
Cost	35%
Inconvenient to cook	34%
Noise	33%

Source: Hanbury Evans Wright Viattas

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## QUOTEUNQUOTE

"I don't think he needs some sassy highlights."

"Queer Eye" fashionista CARSON KRESSLEY, on President Bush.  
(newsweek.com)

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## OPINION

## Fake victim should get legal action

U-wire | University of Oklahoma

While families nationwide are still trying to get over the loss of friends and relatives in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, a man living in Pennsylvania filed a fraudulent claim in order to cash in.

Requesting more than a million dollars in compensation funds for the death of his ex-wife, who he claimed worked in the Twin Towers, he was recently confronted by a TV reporter who

had discovered that his ex-wife was still alive.

Such actions are not only criminal, they are also disrespectful to those who actually lost friends or family in the attacks.

According to WFTV, Donna Lee Laskowski first suspected that her former husband was up to something when her son told her he had received a strange

phone call from his father.

The son, now living with his mother in Brevard County, said his father told him he "had come into a large sum" and asked him how to "invest" the money. When Laskowski investigated and called an insurance agent's office whose name had been mentioned in the conversation the secretary in the office responded upon hearing her name, "Oh my

God, your husband was here and said you were dead."

She then learned her ex-husband had not only claimed she was dead, but had further applied with the 9/11 Victim's Compensation Fund for compensation.

The stupidity of the whole endeavor can be summed up in the husband's statement in response to the TV reporter

telling him, "See, what I have a hard time understanding is, I interviewed your wife last week."

In response he said nonchalantly, "Well that changes everything, doesn't it?" and that he would "refuse the money" because as he put it, "my wife's alive. That's great."

It is highly doubtful that other families who rightfully claimed money for family members they

lost in the attacks would agree that "it's great" that such a scam was even attempted.

But the response of the architect behind the attempted crime only makes the asinine insurance fraud even worse.

Hopefully he will realize that it indeed "changes everything" and he will face legal consequences for disrespecting the fate of actual Sept. 11 victims.

## Bowling Green has great beauty



PETER KUEBECK

Opinion Columnist

Small town America is crumbling. You can see it everywhere, any state you visit. The little villages and settlements that sprang up throughout our past are slowly being drained of both citizens and resources by the forces of modernity; this drain is as well chronicled in the book "Main Street Blues," the true story of one small Ohio town that is facing a rapid and humiliating decline, as in any other source.

The first sign of a small town or city's demise can often be seen in the death of any burg's downtown district. However, there is one special ray of hope that shows that small towns don't have to follow the Erie Canal into extinction, and they exist right around Northwest Ohio: the downtown of Bowling Green.

Most University students are not truly familiar with the broad spectrum of what the downtown has to offer for two major reasons. First, students usually experience downtown late at night on their way to the bars. This isn't necessarily a problem, but students, in visiting our fair city's downtown in the night or wee hours of the morning are not in a position to appreciate other establishments that Bowling Green's downtown has to offer, because these places happen to be closed.

The second problem is the myriad shopping outlets to be had on campus. While I admire how well the University provides for its students, so many of the little everyday necessities that students buy on campus on a daily basis insulate many students from knowledge of down-

town simply because there doesn't seem to be a reason for them to go out.

Before I go on, I want to make one thing clear to you, the reader: I was raised in Bowling Green and have lived here for all of my almost 23 years. Yep, I'm a townie, and proud of it. I think Bowling Green is a special little jewel of a city, with all the necessities rolled into one: We've got education and culture provided by our city schools and the University, sporting events, entertainment, bookstores (always important), fine dining establishments, shopping to provide for all of our needs — big or small, good government, and friendly citizens.

I am a big booster of Bowling Green and BG pride. I think that this city offers a lot more than what most students think it does (I've heard those "Boring Green" jokes), and one of the best ways to get introduced to Bowling Green's riches is to go downtown.

While strolling in downtown BG you're going to come across stores and shops that can fulfill every need. Ben Franklin's, for instance, has an exceptionally wide variety of art supplies, craft supplies, posters (if you missed the campus poster sale, come on down to Ben Franklin's — they'll probably have what you're looking for) and one of the biggest assortments of baseball and other sports cards (dating back to the 80's) that you'll ever find.

It's the place to go for holiday supplies, too — if you're looking for a Halloween mask, go there in the fall and you'll find a large assortment. There's also a great Ace hardware store just a door or two down, as well as For Keeps, a very upscale shop for decorating.

For those of us interested in gaming and comic books, there's 2 Play, an arcade that sells a wide variety of video games for a

number of platforms; Ground Zero Comics, located along the back wall of Falcon House Sporting Goods, is always well-stocked with the most recent comics and graphic novels from a variety of publishers (with new comics arriving every Wednesday afternoon); and R&B Newsstand, aside from boasting a large assortment of comics and periodicals, is also the central station in Bowling Green for Role-Playing and Miniature gaming books and supplies.

Finder's Records and Tapes (and CDs), located down the street from Junction, has the widest offering of CDs I've ever seen: everything from pop, rock, jazz, blues, rap, R&B, comedy, soundtracks, techno and electronic, classical, opera and world music, as well as DVDs. And, if they don't have the exact CD you're looking for, they're more than happy to order it for you — and the orders arrive speedily.

The Cla-Zel Theater is the oldest single-screen movie house in Ohio, and the experience of watching a movie there is unparalleled: Before you leave the university, you've got to go to a screening at the Cla-Zel at least once.

For ladies clothes, there is the Diversity Boutique, recently profiled in the BG News; and there are a number of coffee shops downtown, including Cosmo's and Grounds For Thought (which has recently doubled its bookstore space), just to name a couple.

I could go on, but unfortunately I've run out of space. Suffice it to say, Bowling Green's downtown has a lot to interest University students. And there are even more places downtown that I didn't have space to mention. So visit and explore BG's downtown — you won't be sorry.

## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Do you think the Janet Jackson situation has been blown out of proportion?



RANDY WEINER  
SOPHOMORE, BUSINESS

"No. I think it was blown out of the sweater."



CHAD NICHOLS  
JUNIOR,  
CONSTRUCTION MGMT

"Yes. Everyone needs a little eye-candy."



RYAN COOK  
SOPHOMORE, BUSINESS

"No. I don't see the big deal."



MELVIN KOGER  
SOPHOMORE,  
ARCHITECTURE

"Yes. I think it was an accident."

## Arrogance might help you feel better



MAT THORNBURG

Humor Columnist

Why do people need their opinion printed in the paper next to their name and picture every week? We're arrogant, that's why. We want people to realize what brilliant thinkers we are.

I suppose that may not be the case for all of my colleagues. They may have nobler aspirations than I, but that's okay. I'm better than they are.

You could say that arrogance is akin to a virus that is spreading across the campus and the world. Many people have it. You can hear them coughing. When they cough, they say things like, "My hair looks so great" or "I cough really well." No one in the medical profession has made a vaccine for it. I guess they think they are better than that.

If there was one, I think it might work like this. You would get an injection of air into your head, and it would help you to create extra holes in your cranium to drain it the next time it gets too big. If I got it, I would tip the nurse in order to get helium put in instead. That way I could float for a little while after leaving the clinic. That would be pretty sweet.

Even though it may be a disease, I think arrogance can help us in many ways. It saves us from the painful realities of life.

One great example of the divine healing power of arrogance is "American Idol."

Many people audition for that show and can sing no better than an upside down rubber bovine, but they still believe they are the best thing since cordless mics. When Simon, Randy and Paula reject them, the only friend they have to comfort them is their own arrogance.

It holds their hand and lies to them saying, "You're a great singer. You are better than this

competition. Screeching like a bird of prey is the thing all the truly great singers are doing these days."

Take myself as the next example. There was a time that I thought I was the most "hilarious-est" person ever. Writing these columns has proven me terribly, terribly wrong. Luckily, I have my arrogance to save me.

Arrogance saves us from wasting our time caring about other people or trying to help them. We can just see other people as obstacles in our way. They are simply objects to make fun of and feel superior to. We do not need to worry about morality and truth. Those things are for the simple and weak-minded.

A sense of superiority allows people to have much more time to spend alone. There is no need to deal with the hassles and annoyances of friendship.

There is much more time for the important things. You have more time to gaze deep into your own eyes and write yourself love poems.

You can make up your own friends because they would be better than anyone who is an actual person. They would have to be because everything you do is just naturally better. Perfection just flows through you.

Arrogance allows you to do whatever you want. All you have to do is say that something is not worthy of you and you don't need to deal with it. Hygiene is a good example. All you have to say is that good hygiene is not worthy of you, and you don't have to deal with it. You don't have to worry about being clean or smelling presentable.

Why am I saying this? I'm trying to prove that I'm better than you are by intimidating you with my vast wisdom. I'm actually not any better or wiser, but I don't need to be. I simply have to believe that I am better or wiser and shove that fact into your face. That is what arrogance is all about.

## Did you know?

If the population of the Earth continued to increase at its present rate indefinitely, by 3530 A.D. the total mass of human flesh and blood would equal the mass of the Earth. By 6826 A.D. it would equal the mass of the known universe.



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**Miami beats UT, BG into third place**

THE BG NEWS

Miami of Ohio's women's basketball team overcame a stingy Toledo defense en route to a key 67-65 win over the Rockets in Toledo yesterday.

Toledo fell behind BG's women to 6-4 in MAC play, and are fourth in the conference. BG moved into sole possession of third with Toledo's loss.

**PEBBLE BEACH: VIJAY SINGH WINS PEBBLE BEACH INVITATIONAL, CLOSES IN ON TIGER WOODS.**



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## Search for men's coach goes on

### Questions still surround Mahler's firing; Krebs mum



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**QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS:** Mel Mahler is shown here coaching his team in 2002. Mahler was fired in late January, but the Athletic Department remains mum on the circumstances surrounding the issue.



**JOEL HAMMOND**  
Sports Reporter

The search for the University's next men's soccer coach continues this week, but perhaps more pressing on campus and in the community are questions regarding the dismissal of Mel Mahler —

the former men's soccer coach and one of the school's most successful coaches.

Mahler, the program's coach for the past 10 years and only the third coach in the program's history, was fired last month in what Athletic Director Paul Krebs says was a time he felt the program needed a change in leadership.

"I felt a change in the leadership of the program was necessary," Krebs said in an interview Friday. "It has

nothing to do with wins and losses, and it has nothing to do with the competitive process of the program. A lot of things go into it, and in personnel moves, I don't think it's appropriate to get into all the nitty-gritty of the move. Mel has been with the University for 17 years, and I don't think it's in anyone's best interests to discuss it. I simply felt a change was necessary."

Krebs was right about one thing — this move had nothing to do with wins or losses, or the competitive process of the program. Mahler, in his 10 years as head coach, compiled a 111-76-13 record, and his Falcon teams had appeared in seven of the last nine Mid-American Conference championship games. Just this season, despite a sub-

par regular-season record, Mahler guided the Falcons past Northern Illinois and Kentucky and into the MAC title game, before being beaten by Western Michigan.

OK. So it has nothing to do with wins and losses. On what then, was this move based?

Krebs won't say. He will say, however, what he is looking for in the next coach.

"Credibility within the state and a strong disciplinarian and leader are what initially come to mind," Krebs said. "We want a commitment to the student athlete — the student as well

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*"I'm disappointed in our year. I don't think anybody that's a Falcon fan isn't disappointed."*

**DAN DAKICH, MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH, AFTER HIS TEAM'S 88-73 LOSS TO WESTERN MICHIGAN.**

## Western downs Falcons

By Elliott Schreiner  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

By this time in a team's season a stride should be reached.

The team should be at a point where they are playing their best and approaching their goals by the end of the season.

This has not been the case for the Bowling Green men's basketball team.

A week ago, the Falcons were jockeying for a top seed in the Mid-American Conference tournament and were coming off a convincing win over Marshall.

Now the team is struggling to stay afloat after an 88-73 loss to Western Michigan.

The defeat drops the Falcons to 5-6 in the MAC and 9-12 overall.

"I'm disappointed in our year," BG Head Coach Dan Dakich said. "I don't think anybody that's a Falcon fan isn't disappointed. I'm disappointed in myself, I'm disappointed in my players and we have to find a way to turn it around."

The Falcons' problems started almost at the beginning of the game as Western came out of the gates and mounted a 42-24 half-time lead. That was a deficit the Falcons weren't able to overcome.

"That's our history," Dakich said. "We go along and we play

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Ben Swanger BG News

**UP AND IN:** BG's Liz Honegger (13) scores Saturday. Honegger's four steals helped BG's defense hold Western's Casey Rost, the MAC's leading scorer, to just 13 points on 5-of-12 shooting.

## BG puts clamps on WMU's Rost

By Joel Hammond  
SPORTS REPORTER

Casey Rost has had quite a 2 1/2-year stay in Kalamazoo.

Rost, a junior, was an All-Mid-American Conference first team selection as a sophomore last year and a first-team selection to the preseason team this season. She hasn't disappointed.

The numbers don't lie: Rost has scored in double figures in 20 of the Broncos' 21 games, and

scored eight against NCAA powerhouse Connecticut in December. She entered Saturday's game at Anderson Arena averaging 22.9 points in MAC play and 20.5 overall, leading the conference in both categories. She has games of 40, 32, 32 and 28 on her 2003-04 resume.

Not surprisingly, Bowling Green's defensive game plan largely centered around Rost.

The Falcons, who employ a practice squad of men's players to give the women's team better competition to battle in practice, simulated Rost in a unique way this week.

"We focused on her so much that if the men's practice player that was simulating her got a shot off, we gave them three points," BG coach Curt Miller

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## Track second at BG Invite

By Danielle Tanner  
SPORTS REPORTER

The BG women's track team earned 181 points, placing first in six events at Friday's BG Invite to secure a second place finish behind Central Michigan (217).

The Falcons easily beat Detroit Mercy (78), Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne (35), and Heidelberg (24). Facing Central on Saturday gave the Falcons a preview of what they will be up against in the Mid-American Conference indoor championships in three weeks.

"Overall, competing against one of the top teams in the MAC, we did real well," head coach Scott Sehmman said. "I knew coming in that there were some good kids there. It's good for us to know who we need to focus on come confer-



Mike Metzger BG News

**STRONG FINISH:** BG's Melissa Krueger wins the 800m in Friday's BG Invite. Krueger ran 2:16.5 to take the race.

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## Icers garner win, tie in Nebraska

**BG lost a two-goal lead Friday night, but came back solidly Saturday night to win.**

By Kevin Shields  
SPORTS REPORTER

After losing a two goal lead on Friday night in the third period, the Falcons held tough on Saturday to hold that two-goal lead in the final stanza. They were able to pull out three of the four points available this weekend with a 3-3 tie on Friday and a 3-1 win on Saturday over the Mavericks of Nebraska-Omaha.

Jordan Sigalet returned to the net this weekend after missing most of the game last Saturday against Ohio State. He made 61 saves on the weekend to earn first-star honors in both games.

Mike Falk was the man for the Falcons in Friday night's game as he tallied two of the Falcons' three goals.

It was a scoreless first period to begin the game, but the Falcons had control for most the period. The Mavericks had a 12-7 lead in shots after the period, however the Falcons had better scoring opportunities.

Falk got the first score of the game in the second period at

18:46 to give the Falcons a 1-0 lead. Ryan Minnabarriet found him from behind the net and Falk was able to put it by Maverick goaltender Chris Holt. It was Falk's second of the year and it got the Falcons rolling.

Alex Rogosheske won a draw in Maverick's zone and found teammate Brian Escobedo, who put it in to make it 2-1 Falcons at 7:31 of the period. Then Falk once again put one in just 30 seconds later off a shot from Bryan Dobek to make it 3-1.

Omaha struck back though just 38 seconds later, as Ryan Bennett got a shot past Sigalet to make it 3-2 Falcons. Then just less than a minute later the game was tied. Kaleb Betts found the net on the power-play to make 3-3.

The game went to overtime, but neither team could find the net as Sigalet made 31 saves and Holt made 28 stops.

"It was a real dead-even hockey game and a game that stayed relatively score-free for such a long time and then really opened up in the third period," head coach Scott Paluch said. "I was really pleased with the way our team responded when they did tie it up. Mike Falk's return was terrific. I thought Jordan coming back from his injury

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Mike Metzger BG News

Bowling Green's Melissa Popovich on the floor exercise.

## Gymnasts win Cardinal Classic, third in All-Ohio meet yesterday

By Jason A. Dixon  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Bowling Green State gymnastics team earned the right to walk into Anderson Arena with their heads held high for the All-Ohio Championships after defeating Ball State (193.425) and Illinois (192.975) at the Cardinal Classic in Muncie, Ind., on Friday with a 193.475 team score.

But if the Falcons were to make it a perfect weekend, they would need to provide an excla-

mation point with a strong performance against Kent State and Ohio State yesterday.

BG (4-3, 2-2) was able to one-up Friday's performance — at least on the scoreboard — by posting a team score of 193.725, while finishing behind the Golden Flashes (195.375) and the Buckeyes (195.450).

Head coach Dan Connelly said he was pleased with everything he saw, except the final score.

"I feel pretty good about this

performance ... there were some real bright spots," Connelly said after the meet. "The meet that was really important for us was the one on Friday, because it was a conference meet, but we had a lot of good things to take away from this experience."

Things did not look bright early on for the Falcons, as Melissa Popovich missed on the vault during the first event and the team accounted for a 48.050

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# Rost held in check by Wenzel, McDowell

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said. "It didn't matter if it went in or not. We did not want her to get shot attempts, because she does not miss. She is an offensive machine, and we tried to slow her down. She's a tremendous player."

The result was Rost's third-lowest output of the season — 13 points — in the Falcons' 69-67, buzzer-beating win.

Stefanie Wenzel, who scored 23 points and grabbed nine rebounds, also combined with reserve wing player Casey McDowell to hound Rost from the tip to Lindsay Austin's last-second shot. Rost attempted 12 shots, just 2-3 below her average, but made just five of those attempts. She also missed a crucial free throw late in the game that would have given the Broncos a 67-65 lead. Instead, the 85 percent shooter missed one of two.

"I was really nervous coming onto the game," Wenzel said. "I don't feel like I'm the best defender. I just didn't want to even let her touch the ball. I guarded a quick guy in practice, and I thought I played really good in practice on him, and I wanted to keep that momentum going in the game. I just tried to stay on her and didn't want to foul her because she's known to draw fouls and I wanted to keep myself in the game."



Ben Swanger BG News

**TO THE HOOP:** BG point guard Lindsay Austin goes to the hoop in Saturday's win over Western Michigan.

Western coach Ron Stewart said Rost typically gets her opponent's best defender.

"Casey draws the respect of all the opponents and draws a lot of attention," he said. "I don't think our players are specifically trying to get it to Casey all the time. The trade-off is that we penetrated to the goal well. We're trying to penetrate and kick to an open shooter, but they

did a good job on Casey. You can't discount what they did — they played a heck of a basketball game."

Miller was pleased with his team's effort on the league's leading scorer.

"I thought we knew where she was on the floor the whole evening," he said. "We did as good a job as we thought we could do on Casey Rost."

*"When you lose a player ... like Pilkington ... you don't get in your normal rhythm."*

SCOTT PALUCH, BG HOCKEY COACH, ON INJURY TO BRETT PILKINGTON

## Icers salvage weekend with Saturday win

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played extremely well and didn't miss a beat."

On Saturday, the Mavericks came out and took an early 1-0 lead. Alex Nikiforuk beat Sigalek just 7:46 into the game. Rogosheske took a hard slapshot though just 40 seconds later to tie the game at 1-1 beating Maverick goalie Kris Tebb. Minnabarriet got an assist on the goal at 8:21.

Just 2:47 into the second period, Mark Wires netted the game-winner for the Falcons on the power-play to make 2-1. It was Wires' ninth goal of the year and the assists went to Jonathan Sigalek and Kevin Bieksa.

Ryan Barnett then added a short-handed goal to make it 3-1 Falcons and that was all the room BG needed.

They would hold Omaha to just 16 shots in the last two periods and played one of their best periods of the year while leading.

"The third period was probably the best third period we've played all year," Bieksa said. "We played sound with the lead. We made some changes halfway through the game. The

coaching staff realized what they were doing [on the power play] and changed our penalty-kill to stay a little tighter and block some shots."

Sigalek finished the game with 30 saves on the night and Tebb finished with 24 stops. The Falcons held Omaha's nationally ranked power-play to 1-10 on the weekend.

Brett Pilkington went down in the first period and didn't return.

"When you lose a player that plays a lot, like Pilkington, early in the game, you're forced to juggle the lines and you don't get the normal rhythm of your four lines," Paluch said. "Guys are thrust into different positions. We got a great effort from a lot of different guys. It was a game that was a real strong effort and is a great road win."

With the win, the Falcons moved to 8-14-7 overall and 6-11-4 in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association. They will return home this weekend to face Lake Superior State in a two-game weekend series. The 20th anniversary celebration for the 1984 championship team will also take place.

## Lewis has big game

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and then all of a sudden the other team comes at us tough and we don't play through that and give ourselves a chance."

The Broncos didn't give BG much of a chance either as they dominated the paint throughout the game. Western used superb games from center Anthony Kann (20 points, eight rebounds) and power forward Mike Williams (25 points, seven rebounds) to coast to the easy victory.

"I told our team it was going to be decided inside," Dakich said. "It was going to be decided by our ability to play Williams and Kann and we just didn't have an answer for them."

Another struggle for BG was overcoming the referees who whistled Western 20 times while the Falcons racked up 35 fouls.

"The fouls have been an absolute struggle for us," Dakich said. "We have a hard time playing in MAC games."

On top of the poor play on the court, the Falcons are also struggling off the court as starting point guard Steven Wright has been suspended indefinitely.

"We suspended Steven and I don't know if Steven's going to come back," Dakich said. "He broke a rule and I don't even have rules. You can't do that."

Despite the struggles, BG got a solid performance from Ron Lewis, who scored 26 points.

# Jumpers dominate, relays fare well at BG invite Friday

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ence time."

The pressure of Central Michigan's tough competitors proved to be a positive factor for sprinter Alicia Taylor. Taylor broke her own school record in the 60 meter hurdles in a time of 8.52.

"In the prelims, it just feels differently when somebody is that close to you. I'm not used to someone being that close to me. In the finals, it really did help me," Taylor said.

The Falcons enjoyed success in several other sprint events. In an extremely close finish in the 60 meter dash, Valerie Holland and

Jessica White took second and third place, respectively. White also placed first in the 200 meters. Lyndi Springer and Danielle Zumfelde finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 400 meters.

BG racked up two first place finishes in the middle distance races. Ashley Tukes won the 600 meters, followed by Heather Gustin in second place. Melissa Krueger won the 800 meters in a season-best time of 2:16.50.

Krueger also credited Central's tough runners with providing motivation to run faster.

"When you have someone here, you just want to go after

them. That's someone that's pacing you. It really did help to have someone out there to push it," Krueger said.

Distance runner Amber Culp also experienced the push of Central's runners as she edged out Central's Danielle Quisenberry to win the 3000 meters. Fellow distance runner Leighann Kramer took fourth in the 5000 meters.

Taylor, Holland, Springer and Tukes teamed up to finish second for the Falcons in the 4x400 meter relay. Holland and Springer were serving as alternates for Marquita McGowan and Tamika Dixon, both relay regulars. The Falcon 'B'

team took third in the event.

Taylor expressed pride in the performance of the 'A' relay team, as Saturday was their first time competing together.

"They [Holland and Springer] stepped up to the plate and did a really good job. It just shows that we have more depth and that we're ready for anything. I think we'll be ready for MAC," Taylor said.

The Falcon jumpers dominated their events. In the high jump, Erica Wilson and Tamika Dixon finished second and third, respectively.

Wilson also won the long jump, while Dixon placed fourth.

In the triple jump, Veronica Vance and Nicole Standback placed second and third, respectively.

Paris Bussey placed third in the shot put and pole vaulters Jennifer Peck and Melja Seibert took fourth and fifth, respectively, in their event.

With the All-Ohio Championships Saturday, Sehmman and the Falcons are focused on preparing for the weekend, as well as the MAC Championships in three weeks.

"We had a few areas we were a little thin in because of injuries. There are a few areas we need to get a little stronger in," Sehmman

said. "We're learning how to compete and I think that's the big thing. Progression is a process, and I think we're growing every week. There's always work to be done."

Work is not something unfamiliar to Sehmman's Falcons.

"Our goal is to win the All-Ohio," Krueger said. "Every meet is another stepping stone towards success."

With that, Sehmman and the BG women's track team are back to practicing, working on making some improvements before the All-Ohio championships Saturday. The meet will take place in Findlay.

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# Questions abound about Mahler's firing

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as the athlete part. We want a coach who wants to see other sports succeed, to understand the value of having an overall program. A strong relationship with the women's soccer program is also important."

I could assume then, that discipline and academics are two important areas in which Mahler failed. Krebs could just say that. But he declined to answer that question.

Those close to the situation and program are also staying mum, but sources tell *The BG News* that this move deals more with administrative problems. Mahler has had in the past 10 years. He reportedly had problems with the team's budget (Mahler apparently was known to take athletes who weren't on the traveling list on road trips, putting the University at a liability risk) and he also had personality differences with some of the top administrators in the athletic department (he reportedly did not get along with a high-ranking athletic department official, didn't attend meetings with that official and sent assistants in his place).

There were also problems this fall during a trip to Las Vegas with alcohol consumption, something which one graduating senior on the team told me was nothing more than players who were 21 years old drinking in an airport before their flight left. That player said they were never informed that this was frowned upon, but apparently while they were on "University time," as he put it, this was not the thing to do.

Turnover in the program was almost certainly another reason for this move. From the 2001 team to 2002, six freshmen, a sophomore and two juniors left

the team. Just last year, a talented freshman was unable to stay eligible.

Mahler was a good coach and a good man in his time here, but, whether it's from sources or the choice to dismiss Mahler, there were obviously glaring issues about which anyone outside the program will perhaps never know.

Why not address the issues?

No one would fault Krebs and the administration if the problems were related to academics or other serious problems were hurting the players in the program. Obviously, players leaving the program and not remaining eligible are factors which, for a school determined to be among the top in the MAC in graduation rates and grade point average, are fireable offenses.

But by staying mum and leaving the situation open to inter-

pretation, Krebs has left himself and the University open to a firestorm of criticism, especially if more student-athletes are continually left to transfer or quit the team.

I've never had a problem with Mel Mahler. I wish him the best, and obviously, he can coach soccer. He will likely get another job when the opportunity presents itself. The player with whom I spoke said Mahler's relationship with the players on his team was not out of the ordinary — problems here and there, but overall, they respected Mahler.

So it's not about wins, and it's not about the players.

Presumably, it's about the problems others had with him.

Personally, I think those others need to publicly address the issues to maintain credibility and respect not only in the MAC, but in their own backyard.

## Gymnasts third at All-Ohio meet

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score.

"I just told the team that Melissa's not going to be on every meet and they really responded well," he said. "The team could have folded then but they didn't and that says a lot about them."

Popovich, who finished first in three of the four events at the Cardinal Classic and took the top spot with an all-around score of 39.275, recorded her lowest scores of the season on the vault (9.200) and balance beam (9.150).

Popovich's all-around score of 38.125 also prevented her from taking the top spot in that category for the first time this season.

"I just missed it," said the three-time Mid-American Conference Gymnast of the

Week. "I'm mentally tough, so I just tried to focus on doing better and I think we as a team performed a lot better after that."

BG scored 49.325 on the floor exercise — their highest score of the day — and were led by co-captains Popovich (9.950) and Pia Sjovald (9.925).

Breanne Metzger, who scored 9.725 on the balance beam and 9.700 said the team performed "pretty well, despite fatigue."

"I think we did pretty well, but we all felt we could have performed better," she said. "Our main goal is to learn from this experience."

KSU (7-1, 4-0) was led by Carrie Mayle (38.925), Jessie James (38.725), and April Zentko (39.200).

OSU (7-2, 0-1) was lead by Elizabeth Meaney (38.850) and all-around champion Tiffanie Janke (39.575).

The Buckeyes' head coach Larry Cox said the win should give the team a lot of confidence for the rest of the season.

"This was a very competitive meet for us, and it was pretty much what we expected," Cox said. "I thought there were a lot of things that we did well, now we're looking to continue improving."

The Falcons will not return to action until Feb. 15, when they travel to take on Western Michigan and Connelly said the team will take it easy for the next week.

"We're going to take tomorrow [Monday] off and go light on Tuesday," Connelly said. "There were a lot of positives we can take from our performances and we're going to continue to look forward."

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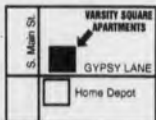
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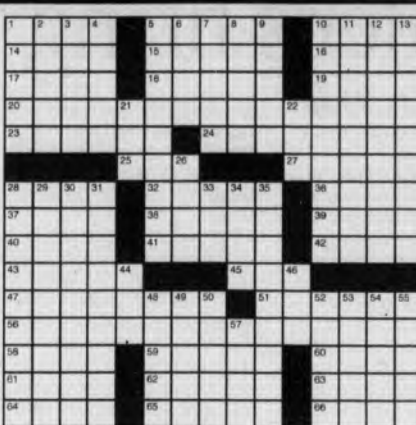
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